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Addendum

Proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017
(*Item 3 (b)*)

Programme 16
Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific

1. At its 12th meeting, on 9 June 2014, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 16, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017 (A/69/6 (Prog. 16)). The Committee also had before it an addendum to the note by the Secretariat on the proposed strategic framework (E/AC.51/2014/CRP.1/Add.1).

2. The Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Delegations expressed their support for the priorities of the Commission as mentioned by the Executive Secretary in her introductory statement. A request was made to further streamline the list of relevant mandates and include only those recently adopted.

4. Clarification was sought on the use and definition of the terms "inclusive and sustainable development", "inclusive, sustainable and resilient development" and "inclusive, equitable, sustainable and resilient development" in subprogramme 1, Macroeconomic policy and inclusive development, and subprogramme 5,

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5. Questions were raised concerning the attainment of gender equality in various social and economic areas in 2016-2017, compared with the achievements in that area in 2014-2015.

6. Clarification was provided on the use of the term "informal sector" in paragraph 16.7 and the phrase "cross-sectoral synergies for electronic resilience" in paragraph 16.31.

7. It was pointed out that the General Assembly had yet to take a decision on the report of the High-level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda, which included recommendations on the need for statistics for sustainable development. In that context, some delegations, referring to paragraph 16.8, raised questions concerning the importance of statistics and the connection with the functioning and programme of work of the Commission.

8. The view was expressed that indicator of achievement (b) under subprogramme 1, Macroeconomic policy and inclusive development, should be replaced with an indicator specifying the actual collective actions rather than the number of outcome documents reflecting consensus on regional economic and financial cooperation.

Conclusions and recommendations

9. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 16, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017, subject to the following modifications:**

Subprogramme 5
Information and communications technology and disaster risk reduction and management

Objective of the Organization

In indicator of achievement (b) (i), add a comma after the words "space applications" and replace the words "disaster risk reduction strategies and management" with the words "disaster risk reduction and management strategies".

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

In expected accomplishment (c), add a comma after the words "space applications" and replace the words "disaster risk reduction strategies and management" with the words "disaster risk reduction and management strategies".

Subprogramme 6
Social development

Strategy

Paragraph 16.35

At the end of the last sentence, insert ", which was adopted by a vote".